

Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC)

Virginia Department of Emergency Management (VDEM)
Virginia Emergency Response Team (VERT)

TROPICAL STORM ERNESTO SITUATION REPORT # 10 1600 Hours 3 September 2006

New Information in Italics and bold

SUMMARY

The Virginia Department of Emergency Management/Virginia Emergency Operations Center is at Hurricane Readiness Level 5, Response Operations condition. Efforts now focus on damage assessments and meeting immediate assistance needs.

EXECUTIVE ACTION

EOC Activation: The Virginia Emergency Operations Center is monitoring National Weather Service and River Forecast Center forecasts, coordinating conference calls, and producing Situation Reports. ***The FEMA ERT- A departed the VEOC at 1000 hours 3 September.***

VDEM Priorities: Provide for the health, safety, and welfare of citizens and emergency workers; coordinate an efficient and effective state response effort; manage an aggressive response to request for assistance; keep stakeholders and the public informed and ***prepare for and coordinate Preliminary Damage Assessments (PDA).***

STATE OF EMERGENCY

Governor Timothy M. Kaine declared a state of emergency for the Commonwealth of Virginia on August 31, 2006, in preparation for Tropical Storm Ernesto.

Protective Actions: **Local Activation of EOC:**

York County – 1 September @ 0700 – Day Operations Only
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1030
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 0800

Local State of Emergency Declared

York County – 1 September @ 0900
City of Poquoson – 1 September @ 0900
City of Richmond – 1 September @ 1130
City of Newport News – 1 September @ 1200
Northumberland County – 1 September @ 1230
Lancaster County – 1 September @ 1200
Accomack County – 1 September @ 1200
Northampton County – 1 September @ 1400
Richmond County – 1 September @ 1830
Middlesex County – 1 September @ 1600
Gloucester County – 1 September @ 1200
Mathews County – 1 September @ 1215

Local Activation of Shelters:

York County/Poquoson – 1 shelter open, 0 occupants; ***Closed 1 September***
City of Richmond – 1 shelter open, 13 occupants; ***Closed 2 September; 9 families in long term shelter***
Northumberland County – 1 shelter open, 15 occupants; ***Closed 2 September***
Lancaster County – ***Closed 2 September***
Middlesex County – 1 shelter open, 0 occupants, ***Closed 2 September***
Gloucester County – ***Closed 2 September***

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City of Newport News – 1 shelter open, 30 occupants; ***Closed 2 September; 18 families in long term shelter.***

Mathews County – 1 shelter open, 0 occupants; ***Closed 2 September***

Adjacent Jurisdictions:

North Carolina Declared a State of Emergency

The District of Columbia Declared a State of Emergency on 1 September and rescinded it on 2 September

West Virginia Declared a State of Emergency.

ESF 15 – External Affairs: Distributing press releases and fielding media inquiries. Joint Information Center (JIC) is operational.

WEATHER FORECAST

Sunday 3 September Hazardous Weather: The flood warning continues for the Blackwater River until further notice. The Blackwater River flood stage is at 12.0 feet. At 1800 Hours on 2 September the stage was at 13.8 feet. The Blackwater River will continue to rise to nearly 16.7 feet by noon Monday then begin to fall. This river level is comparable to a previous crest of 16.8 feet on Sep 22 2003. Waters in the Chesapeake Bay and Tidal Potomac are receding. No further flooding is expected.

Sunday 3 September: Partly cloudy, with a high of 77 to 82. Calm winds between 0 and 6 mph.

Sunday Night: A slight chance of showers after midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Southwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm. 20% chance of precipitation in the Western portion of the Commonwealth.

Monday 4 September: ***Partly sunny with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon. High temperatures in the mid 70's to mid 80's with northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. Monday Night: Mostly cloudy with a 60% chance of showers and thunderstorms over night. Low temperatures in the upper 50's to mid 60's with east-northeast winds 5 to 10 mph.***

OPERATIONS SECTION

ESF 5 – Emergency Management: Regional Conference Calls for localities and National Weather Service were held daily Wednesday 30 August through Saturday 2 September. A Conference Call with State Agencies was conducted daily Wednesday, 30 August through Saturday 2 September. On Sunday 3 September Regional Conference Call with ***VDEM Regions 1 and 5 was conducted and a conference call with VDEM Regions 1 and 5 was scheduled for 4 September at 10 am.***

STATE WARNING POINT: Monitoring National Weather Service advisories and River Forecast Center forecast.

LOCAL LIAISON: There have been a total of **2 new** requests from localities for assistance.

<u>Request</u>	<u>Locality</u>	<u>Status</u>
Debris removal equipment	Town of Chincoteague	<i>Completed</i>
Radio communications repair	Powhatan County	<i>Completed</i>
Phone/radio communications repair	Middlesex County	<i>Completed</i>
High-water vehicles for evacuation	Gloucester County	<i>Completed</i>
“John boats” for evacuation	Lancaster County	<i>Completed</i>
Water storage/distribution equipment	Hanover County	<i>Withdrawn</i>
Long-term housing	Newport News	<i>In Progress</i>
Bottled water	Northumberland County	<i>Completed</i>
Shelter staff	City of Richmond	<i>Completed</i>
Water Pumps	City of Richmond	<i>In Progress</i>
IDA teams	Gloucester County	<i>Withdrawn</i>
<i>Water/Ice</i>	<i>Northumberland</i>	<i>Completed</i>
<i>2 Office Trailers</i>	<i>Isle of Wright</i>	<i>Completed</i>

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EMERGENCY SERVICES BRANCH

ESF 8 – Public Health & Medical Services: *VA-1 Disaster Medical Assistance Team, Norfolk VA, returned from deployment to Atlanta, GA. One 5 person medical strike team is on stand-by for future FEMA/ NDMS missions during September. Power restored to the Newport News Health Department at 2230 Hours 1 September. The Office of Chief Medical Examiner (OCME) states that 6 deaths are confirmed to be directly related to storm events. Acting Director of the City of Richmond's Health Department has declared Battery Park a health hazard. Richmond working with city representative on Health Issues associated with sanitary sewer backups into households from flooded areas of Battery Park. East Central Field Office VDH (Richmond)-Seventeen waterworks reported to have activated emergency/standby power due to loss of line power. All are on boiled water alert.*

ESF 9 – Search & Rescue: 1 CAP aircraft equipped with Satellite Digital Imagery System (SDIS) was deployed 2 September. City of Roanoke has a Type II Swiftwater Rescue Team (6-person) on standby to assist requesting agencies. Four Salem personnel would deploy with the City of Roanoke.

INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT BRANCH

ESF 1 – Transportation: *As of 1600 hours 3 September, VDOT reports 0 primary roads and 46 secondary roads are closed or under repair due to flooding or washout.*

ESF 12 – Energy: *Virginia Dominion Power reports 605,000 customers affected by power outages. Friday 1 September – 396,000; Saturday 2 September- 140,000; Sunday 3 September- 69,000. As of 1400 hours 3 September Virginia Dominion Power reports 46,738 customers currently without power. Significant outages are in the Gloucester/Northern Neck region – 26,302 and Richmond/Tri-Cities region- 12,815. Projected restoration is 2300 hours 3 September. State Corporation Commission reported at 1600 hours, 1,515 Electric Co-op customers without power. Projected restoration is 2300 hours 3 September.*

ESF 13 – Public Safety: *All Virginia National Guard soldiers deactivated as of 3 September at 1400 hours. Coordination will continue at the JOC. Virginia National Guard Personnel and equipment in Richmond and Winchester returned to quarters at 1930 hours September 2. Assets in Norfolk (Hampton Roads) are still active. 31 Guardsman went through Damage Assessment Training from VDEM 2 September and are ready to assist local governments with damage assessment if required.*

LOGISTICS SECTION

ESF 7 – Resource Support: Standing by to coordinate federal identification and establishment of Mobilization Center and Staging Areas for commodities. FEMA has pre-positioned 90 trailers in VA. VDEM is mapping potential points of distribution and awaiting additional input from localities.

RECOVERY SECTION (ESF 14)

Initial Damage

Assessment Report:

<u>Locality</u>	<u>Private</u>	<u>Public*</u>
Accomack County	\$110,000	\$350,000*
Amelia County	N/A	\$10,000*
Arlington County	N/A	\$2,000*
Brunswick County	N/A	\$2,000*
Caroline County	\$9,000	\$76,200*
Charles City County	N/A	\$50,000*
Chesterfield County	\$100,000	\$22,000*

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Chincoteague, Town of	\$254,000	\$111,500
Colonial Heights, City of	\$12,000	N/A
Dinwiddie County	\$75,000	N/A *
Essex County	N/A	\$75,000*
Fairfax County	N/A	\$70,000*
Franklin County	N/A	\$75,000*
Goochland County	N/A	\$2,000*
Greensville County	N/A	\$25,000*
Hampton City	\$176,000	N/A
Hanover County	N/A	\$2,000*
Henrico County	N/A	\$10,000*
Henry County	\$30,000	N/A
Isle of Wight County	N/A	\$150,000*
James City County	\$150,000	\$450,000*
King George County	\$1,000,000	\$320,000
King William County	N/A	\$75,000*
Lancaster County	N/A	\$200,000*
Loudoun County	N/A	\$35,000*
Lunenburg County	N/A	\$10,000*
Mathews County	\$1,200,000	\$37,000
Mecklenburg County	N/A	\$2,000*
Middlesex County	\$1,750,002	\$300,000*
New Kent County	\$2,000	\$55,700*
Newport News, City of	\$4,072,000	N/A
Northampton County	N/A	\$75,000*
Northumberland County	\$16,000,000	\$580,000*
Nottoway County	N/A	\$5,000*
Poquoson, City of	\$925,000	\$79,500
Powhatan County	\$100,000	\$8,000*
Prince George County	N/A	\$15,000*
Prince William County	N/A	\$40,000*
Richmond County	N/A	\$100,000*
Southampton County	N/A	\$75,000*
Surry County	N/A	\$100,000*
Sussex County	N/A	\$50,000*
Westmoreland County	N/A	\$175,000*
York County	\$517,000	\$1,060,000*
Total	\$28,189, 002	\$4,942,900.00

**includes VDOT estimates*

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION SECTION

Finance: Damage Assessment teams on standby for IA and PA.

PLANNING SECTION

Planning: Monitor and review incoming situational status and damage assessment. Distribute Situation Report, Conference Call Minutes, and Incident Action Plan.

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